

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims 4, 26 and 27 for claims 4, 26 and 27 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please cancel claims 1, 7, 11 and 24 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 25, wherein ~~the~~ **insulin-sensitizer said pioglitazone or its salt** is pioglitazone hydrochloride.

Claims 5-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method for lowering the concentration of glycosylated hemoglobin in a mammal in need thereof, which comprises administering to said mammal an effective amount of pioglitazone or its salt, and sibutramine.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 25, wherein ~~the~~ **insulin-sensitizer said pioglitazone or its salt** and **said sibutramine** ~~the anorectic~~ are administered to the mammal concomitantly.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~1~~ 25, wherein ~~the~~ **insulin-sensitizer said pioglitazone or its salt** and **said sibutramine** are administered to the mammal separately.

Claims 28-50 (Cancelled)